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FOL IS TEXT MESSAGE FROM SYG TO PRESIDENT SENT TO STEVENSON  
FOR TRANSMITTAL:

"I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO CONVEY  
URGENTLY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA: 'I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS TO ADDRESS AN URGENT APPEAL TO YOU IN THE PRESENT  
CRITICAL SITUATION. THESE REPRESENTATIVES FEEL THAT IN THE  
INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY ALL CONCERNED  
SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH MAY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION  
AND BRING WITH IT THE RISK OF WAR. IN THEIR VIEW IT IS IMPORTANT  
THAT TIME SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ENABLE THE PARTIES CONCERNED  
TO GET TOGETHER WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PRESENT CRISIS  
PEACEFULLY AND NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN.  
THIS INVOLVES ON THE ONE HAND THE VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE  
QUARANTINE MEASURES INVOLVING THE SEARCHING OF SHIPS BOUND FOR  
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EXCELLENCY TO GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO THIS MESSAGE.  
I HAVE SENT AN IDENTICAL MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS OF THE SOVIET UNION. U THANT ACTING SECRETARY-  
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